

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able • Plain text = Leader • **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *Praise the Day* M. Mazzatenta
Ridge Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder
People of the covenant, give thanks.
The Lord is our salvation.
Children of the living God, draw near.
Jesus Christ is with us.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN *Come All You People* (Zimbabwe) STF No. 2274
(sing 3 times with Maker, Savior, Spirit)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Please be seated) Elder
Let us pray...
**God our Redeemer,
we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.
You have claimed us in your covenant,
yet we forget your steadfast love.
You seek us out in the wilderness,
yet we continue to wander.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Wash us clean, once again,
so that we may return to you and follow your holy way;**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg
Amen. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.
Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired) *Halle, Halle, Halleluja* (Caribbean) STF 2026

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM READING Psalm 90: 1-4, 13-17 Pgs. 556-557
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

ANTHEM *We Will Walk with God* (Sizohamba naye) Swaziland hymn

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis (selected verses)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH (*As children & youth come forward, please sing.*)
***This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.***

SERMON *The Big Picture: The Bible in 11 Stories (2)* Laura Sugg
We Humans Choose Estrangement

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder
**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still. Amen.**
--from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1991)

MINUTE FOR MISSION--Peace & Global Witness offering Ann Ludvigsen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
(*Pray, "Forgive us our sins..."*)

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

- OFFERTORY *Ancient Words of Life* Arr. K. Stewart
 Ridge Ringers
- * PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING *Doxology* No. 591/2
- * PRAYER OF DEDICATION
- THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
 Invitation to the Lord's Table
 Prayer of Thanksgiving
 Words of Institution
 Serving Communion *Steal Away* Arr. Lani Smith
 Organ/Piano duet, Betty Niquette, piano
 *Bread is taken individually. Please **wait to take juice/wine together.***
 Red wine is in outer ring of tray; white grape juice is in the middle ring,
 and water in the center of the tray.
 Prayer after Communion
- * HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* No. 514
- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- * SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *We Are Marching* (South Africa)
 STF No.2235b

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* Ludwig Van Beethoven

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

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*To worship God through faith and action,
To nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
To be an extended family to all,
And to serve the community
through programs, education, and prayer.*

World Communion Sunday
October 7, 2018